यथा आवश्यक समुचित प्रशासनिक, विधिक तथा अन्य उपाय किए जा रहे हैं। अधिकांश बकाया मामले विवादस्वरूप अपील स्तर पर/न्यायालयों में पड़े हैं। शीघ्र सुनवाई और स्थगन आदेशों को रद्द करवाने के लिए न्यायालयों में कार्रवाई की जा रही है।

Steps to intensify vocationalisation of education

1342. SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:
SHRI CHIMAN BHAI MEHTA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the steps Government are contemplating to intensify vocationalisation of education;

(b) whether Government have undertaken concrete steps to establish linkages of education with jobs; if so, what are the areas where these linkages have been established, and what are the results achieved so far;

(c) whether Government would take care to impart vocation education from standard 8th onwards, so that a large number of youth does not suffer unemployment for long; and

(d) whether the Department in this connection would advise State Governments to adopt academic calendar year so that at least parental vocation, mainly, agricultural occupation and allied vocation are learnt by students during vacation period?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) In pursuance of the priority accorded to vocational education programmes in the National Policy on Education (1986), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education was started with effect from February, 1988. A Joint Council of Vocational Education (JCVE) under the Chairmanship of Union Education Minister has been set up at the national level to ensure proper planning and coordination of the vocational programmes. Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme substantial financial assistance is provided to States/Union Territories for running vocational courses at the plus 2 level. Assistance is also provided towards the required technical resource support and management structure.

(b) Job linked vocational courses have been started in General Insurance and Life Insurance in collaboration with General Insurance Corporation and Life Insurance Corporation in some schools. A course for Railway Commercial Staff, some para medical courses and vocational courses in the handicrafts sector are being started during the academic session 1991-92. Efforts are continuing to establish links with other Departments/organisations.

(c) A scheme on pre-vocational education in Class IX and X is being finalised which, when approved, will be taken up for implementation.

(d) School Education is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The academic year followed in the State/UT is decided by them keeping in view the local requirements.

Increase in the present limit of excise clearance

1343. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some requests have been made to Government for increase in present limit for Central excise clearance from Rs. 20 lakh

under one chapter heading to Rs. 30 lakhs;

(b) if so, the details thereof with the source of such request;

(c) whether Government proposes to take some action in the matter; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) Requests were received in the form of pre-Budget Memoranda by the Government from various associations of the industry and trade for increasing the excise duty exemption limits under the small scale exemption scheme.

(c) and (d) The requests were examined by the Government and the existing concessions in respect of central excise duties for the small scale sector were considered adequate.

Visit of the Chief of the Asian Development Bank

1344. SHRI SAYEED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Chief of the Asian Development Bank visited India recently;

(b) if so, what are the details of the purpose of his visit;

(c) whether any discussions for development of country have been held with him; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir. However, Mr. N. Morita, Director, Programme West Department of Asian Development Bank visited New Delhi on 18th & 19th July, 1991;

(b) The purpose of his visit was to discuss (i) the current status of the Bank's 1991 lending programme and explore methods of expediting approval of the pending loans, an (ii) other possibilities for assistan for India both for 1991 and 1992.

(c) and (d) During his meetings with various economic Ministries the progress of the various ADB assisted projects and the possibility of further assistance for India from ADB were discussed for evolving the further lending programme of the Bank.

1345. [*Transferred to the 1st August, 1991.*]

Impact of devaluation of rupee domestic industrial sector

1346. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the impact of recent devaluation of Indian currency mainly on the domestic industrial sector; and

(b) what is the extent to which this devaluation will help in growth of economy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) and (b) The recent adjustment in the external value of the rupee will encourage production for exports and of import substitutes and thereby have a positive impact on the domestic industrial sector and the growth of the economy.